

STEPPING STONE
SCHOOL (HIGH)

CLASS : VIII

Subject: History & Civics

Topic: American War of Independence

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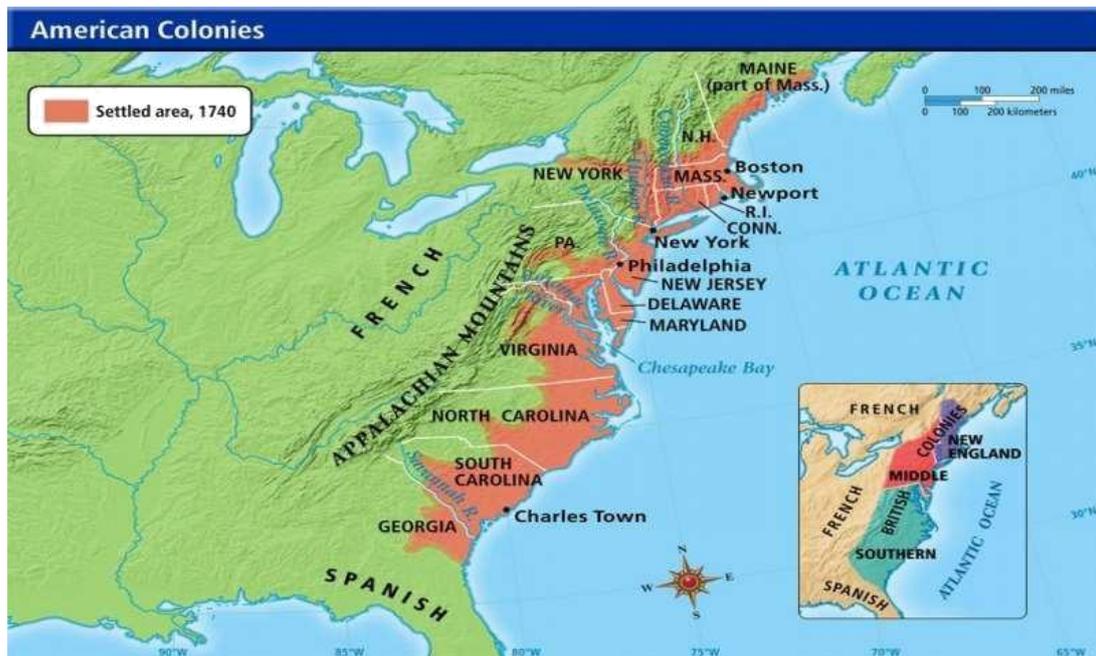
[Students, after finishing Modern World, today we will start a new chapter American War of Independence. Hope you have gone through the previous chapter. This is an interesting Chapter in which you will get more interest.]

The American Revolutionary War

Also known as the American War of Independence was fought primarily between the kingdom of Great Britain and her thirteen colonies in America, resulting in the overthrow of British rule in the colonies and the establishment of the United States of America.



1763	1764	1765	1767	1773	1774	1775	1776
Treaty of Paris, ending Seven Years' War	Sugar Act	Stamp Act	Townshend Revenue Act	Boston Tea Party	First Continental Congress	George Washington was appointed as Commander-in-Chief	Declaration of Independence issued by Continental Congress



Christopher Columbus discovered the New World in 1492 and paved the way for future journeys across the Atlantic. These journeys brought many European settlers in this region. Thirteen colonies were set up in the east of North America like New Hampshire, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island etc. (as shown in the above map).

Causes of the War:

1. **Economic Causes:** All the colonies were subjected to the British mercantile policy, which was concerned in the welfare of Britain. The British Government levied heavy taxes on American Colonies as they developed their agriculture and trade. Britain gained heavy losses and debt in Seven Years' War, so they wanted them to partly bear the expenses.
2. **Political Causes:** The colonies had their elected Assembly though their Governor was appointed by the British Government. He was responsible for looking after the British interest in the colonies. The colonists refused to pay extra taxes for British Mercantile policy and put a slogan "**No Taxation without Representation**".
3. **Cultural Causes:** For two hundred years of life in the New World they carried a forged identity. They had a strong liberal and democratic tradition.

They wanted to develop an American identity, based on freedom and individualism.

4. **Influences of Political Thinkers**: The writings of Voltaire, Rousseau Locke etc. greatly inspired the colonists to fight for their independence.

	
<p>John Locke “All mankind should be equal and independent”</p>	<p>Jean Jacques Rousseau “Man is born free”</p>

5. **Immediate cause – Boston Tea Party**: The war finally came to an end with Boston Tea Party in 1773. On 16 October, a group of colonists, disguised as Native Americans destroyed an entire shipment of tea sent by the English East India Company and threw the chests of tea into Boston Harbour. This incident finally escalated into the American War of Independence.



[Copy the questions and solve them on a sheet of paper date wise. Keep the worksheets ready in a file to be submitted on the opening day.]

- 1. Which Acts were passed by the British to suppress the Native Americans financially?**
- 2. Mention any one economic cause of American War of Independence.**
- 3. Why did the Colonists put the slogan for not giving taxes?**
- 4. Why did the British East India Company burden high amount of taxes on the American Colonists?**
- 5. Which incident finally led the colonists to start the Revolution against the British for their Independence and how?**